

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-08

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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

SECSTATE WASHDC 9483

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, OPEC

SUBJECT: KOREAN OIL MARKET

REF: KUWAIT 1032

1. OFFICIALS AT MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES HAVE  
CONFIRMED RECENT PRESS REPORTS THAT THE ROK IS GIVING SERIOUS  
CONSIDERATION TO IMPORT INDONESIAN CRUDE AS A MEASURE TO  
DIVERSIFY TRADING PARTNERS AND REDUCE EXPENSES NEEDED FOR  
DESULFURIZATION OF MIDEAST CRUDE.

2. LOCAL OIL REFINERIES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO SUBMIT  
DESULFURIZATION PLANS BY THE END OF FEBRUARY IN ORDER TO  
MEET 1981 TARGET DEADLINE.

3. ACCORDING TO A PRESS ARTICLE, TOTAL EXPENSES FOR  
DESULFURIZATION FACILITIES TO PROCESS 50,000 BD WOULD RUN  
CLOSE TO \$150 MILLION. FOR THE SAME PRICE A 200,000 BD  
REFINERY COULD BE CONSTRUCTED TO UTILIZE SULFURLESS

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INDONESIAN CRUDE. MINISTRY OFFICIALS CONTEND NUMBERS  
"GENERALLY CORRECT."

4. KOREAN CRUDE MARKET NOW GROWING ABOUT 14 PERCENT  
PER ANNUM.  
STERN

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## Message Attributes

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